

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 166

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod

January 31, 2007

An act to add Section 71095 to the Education Code, relating to emergency planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 166, as amended, Negrete McLeod. Emergency preparedness: community college districts.

Existing law makes each school district and county office of education responsible for the overall development of all comprehensive school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies, to jointly establish by regulation a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies, to include specified components.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require community college districts to implement the Standardized Emergency Management System and other emergency preparedness plans and conduct annual emergency preparedness training sessions for all classified staff.~~

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Under existing law, the board of governors

appoints a chief executive officer, known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would make various legislative findings and declarations regarding emergency preparedness plans. The bill would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security, to develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines to assist community college districts and campuses in the event of a natural disaster, hazardous condition, or terrorist activity, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~(a)~~—The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 ~~(1)~~
4 (a) Classified employees have the right to work in a safe and
5 secure environment.
6 ~~(2)~~
7 (b) Classified employees are the first to respond to any
8 emergency on campus.
9 ~~(3)~~
10 (c) Community college districts are not included in any
11 provisions in the Education Code covering emergency
12 preparedness.
13 ~~(4)~~
14 (d) The failure to prepare for an emergency event may result in
15 injury or death that could financially burden the district due to
16 wrongful injury and death claims.
17 ~~(5)~~
18 (e) The Standardized Emergency Management System and other
19 emergency preparedness plans may be in place, but are not being
20 implemented.
21 ~~(6)~~
22 (f) Each school district and county office of education is required
23 by law to have a school safety plan and follow emergency
24 procedures for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades
25 1 to 12, inclusive.

1 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require~~
2 ~~community college districts to implement the Standardized~~
3 ~~Emergency Management System and other emergency~~
4 ~~preparedness plans and conduct annual emergency preparedness~~
5 ~~training sessions for all classified staff.~~

6 *SEC. 2. Section 71095 is added to the Education Code, to read:*

7 *71095. (a) The chancellor's office, in consultation with the*
8 *Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security,*
9 *shall develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines*
10 *to assist community college districts and campuses in the event of*
11 *a natural disaster, hazardous condition, or terrorist activity on or*
12 *around campus.*

13 *(b) The standards and guidelines shall be developed in*
14 *accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System*
15 *developed by the Office of Emergency Services, and shall be*
16 *reviewed at least once per year. The standards and guidelines may*
17 *include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following*
18 *components:*

19 *(1) Information on establishing an emergency management*
20 *team.*

21 *(2) Provisions regarding overview training for every employee*
22 *within one year of commencement of employment.*

23 *(3) Information on specialized training for employees who may*
24 *be designated as part of an emergency management team.*

25 *(4) Information on response and recovery policies and*
26 *procedures.*

27 *(5) Information on coordinating with the appropriate city,*
28 *county, local, state, or federal government authorities on*
29 *comprehensive emergency management and preparedness*
30 *activities.*